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Cadiz, Aug. 30. *N. S.*

THE *French* Squadron Commanded by the Marquis *de Nesmond*, consisting of 11 Men of War, 2 Fireships, and 2 Tartanes, is still in this Port, where 'tis believed they will continue till the latter end of the next Month. A Vessel is dispatched from hence, with Orders as 'tis said for the Squadron, which lately sailed with Supplies of Men and Ammunition to the *West-Indies*, to return home with all expedition. The last Advices from *Barbary* say, the Forces which the *Moors* had sent to *Tangier* and *Tetuan* upon Monsieur *Pointi*'s appearing on that Coast with the *French* Squadron under his Command, are returned to their Camp before *Ceuta*, from whence a strong Detachment is sent to the King of *Morocco*'s Camp at *Mecquinez* to reinforce his Army, which has suffered a considerable Loss in an Engagement they had lately with the *Algerines*. The Ships called the *Spanish Merchant*, Captain *Bernard Ludman* Commander, and the St. *George*, commanded by Capt. *Godfrey*, arrived here yesterday from *London*.

Madrid, Sept. 8. The King of *Spain* continues in good Health, and as soon as the Heat of the Season is over, the Court will remove to the *Escurial*, and continue there till Winter. Signior *Donzella*, a famous Physician, is come hither from *Naples* by the King's Order, and his Catholick Majesty made him a considerable Present, and settled a yearly Pension upon him. Conferences are often held between Cardinal *Portocarrero*, and the other Ministers entrusted with the Management of the *Spanish* Navy, and they have given Orders for building several Ships of War. The Marquis of *Leganez*, and such of the Ministers as have the Care of the Land-Forces, do likewise meet frequently together to consider of the Means to put them upon a better Foot. The two Regiments of *Spanish* Horse which are at *Toledo*, are ordered to return to *Catalonia*. Cardinal *Archinto*, who resided here as Nuncio from the Pope, has taken his Leave of this Court, and was presented by the King with a Cross set with Diamonds valued at 2000 Pistoles; Signior *Aquaviva*, who succeeds him in this Employment, will shortly have his Publick Audience.

Rome, Sept. 11. The Pope, who on the 6th Instant was thought to be at the last extremity, is at present so much better, as to give Audience to his Chief Ministers, and to sign several Papers with their help who held his Hand; His Memory is still very good, and his Voice strong. The Cardinals of the Palace have endeavoured to perswade him to name the two Cardinals he reserved in *Petto* at the last Promotion, and to fill the two other vacant Places in the College of Cardinals, but he seems desirous to stay till a Third Vacancy happens, being unwilling to disoblige either the Crowns of *Portugal* and *Poland*, or the Republick of *Venice*, who pretend each to nominate a Cardinal at the next Promotion. 'Tis said, the Cardinal *d'Estrees*, Protector of the *Portuguese* Nation, has in the name of the King of *Portugal* recommended one of the young Princes his Sons to the Pope, to be preferred to this Dignity. 'Tis thought the Bishoprick of *Lucca*, vacant by the Death of Cardinal *Bonvisi*, will be given to Signior *Spada*, the Pope's Nuncio at *Cologne*.

Florence, Sept. 11. The Great Duke has lately had a Difference with the Republick of *Lucca*; the Subjects of the latter having broke open a Prison at *Pietra Santta*, a Town belonging to his Highness bordering on the State of *Lucca*, and rescued several of their Country-men who were put in there for divers Crimes. The Great Duke demanded Satisfaction of the Republick, and that the Prisoners should be surrendred to his Officers; but they made trifling Excuses to his Highness by their Ambassador here, who is therefore forbid the Court, and 'tis discoursed, that if the Republick does not soon give the Satisfaction demanded, the Great Duke will take other Measures. 'Tis said, the Republick of *Genoua* has offered Assistance to those of *Lucca*; But 'tis believed this Matter will be accommodated by the Mediation of the Emperor, the Republick of *Lucca* being under his Protection; And Couriers are sent to *Vienna* with an account of what has passed.

From the King of Poland's *Camp before* Riga, *Sept.* 12. The Bombs that were hitherto thrown into the Town not having the effect that was expected, the King gave Orders for changing and augmenting our Batteries, which was accordingly done, and we have now 20 Mortars and 36 Pieces of Cannon mounted. The Besieged continue to ply us very warmly with their great and small Shot, and have done much damage to some of our Works. A Party of *Tartars* which was sent into the Country, is returned to the Camp with a good Booty of Cattel.

Mittaw, Sept. 13. The Letters from the *Saxon* Camp before *Riga* give an Account, that upon the repeated Instances of the Ministers of several Princes, the King of *Poland* has ordered a stop to be put for a few days to the Bombarding of the Town, and that there are hopes Matters may be brought to an Accommodation. The *Saxon* Forces are said to be much weaken'd by Sickness.

Copenhagen, Sept. 21. The King of *Denmark* continues as well as can be in his Illness of the Small Pox. All our first and second Rate Men of War are laid up, and the rest have sent ashoar their Cannon, Provisions and Ammunition, and are entring into our Port in order to be likewise unrigged. Admiral *Guldenleew* is recovered. The King's Foot-Guards returned hither yesterday from *Holstein*; The Regiment of *Zeeland* arrived this day, and the rest of the Forces which were in that Dutchy are likewise come back to their former Quarters.

Vienna, Sept. 15. The Imperial Court continues at the Palace at *Favorita*, where there are daily Opera's, Balls, and other Diversions, for the Entertainment of the Elector and Electoress Palatine. Yesterday the Emperor and Empress, the King and Queen of the *Romans*, and their Electoral Highnesses, came to this Place and dined at the Nunnery of St. *Lawrence*, and in the evening returned to *Favorita*. This day the King of the *Romans* intends to give a splendid Entertainment to the Elector and Electoress Palatine at his House at *Schonborne*; And 'tis said, their Electoral Highnesses will take their Leave of the Im-